

## **IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE**

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

**Stephen G. Weiss, M.D.**, a 65 year-old urologist from Davenport, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license reinstated. On August 2, 2002, the Board filed a Statement of Charges and Emergency Order immediately suspending Dr. Weiss' license due to evidence that he had engaged in a pattern of inappropriate, unprofessional and threatening behavior and concerns about his mental health. On September 27, 2002, Dr. Weiss entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board which indefinitely suspended his license pending a recommendation from a Board-approved treatment program that Dr. Weiss is safe to return to the practice of medicine. On November 7, 2003, the Board received a treatment report indicating that Dr. Weiss is safe to return to the practice of medicine under certain monitoring requirements. Under the terms of the Reinstatement Order, Dr. Weiss' Iowa medical license was placed on indefinite probation subject to certain terms and conditions.

**Sridhar Yaratha, M.D.**, a 34 year-old psychiatrist from Davenport, Iowa, was charged by the Board with the inability to practice medicine in a safe manner as a result of substance abuse, violating the terms of an initial agreement with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) and violating the rules of the Board when he failed to successfully complete a Board-ordered substance abuse evaluation. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for April 14, 2004.